TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 2493 - HB 3001

February 8, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules and regulations authorizing a local education agency (LEA) to meet the requirement of 180 days of instruction each school year by providing a minimum number of instructional hours each year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- The SBE will promulgate rules and regulations at its normal meetings without a significant fiscal impact.
- Currently, LEAs must provide 180 days of classroom instruction which is approximately 1,170 hours (180 x 6.5 hours).
- No change will occur in the overall length of the instructional year.
- LEAs may increase the length of each instructional day, thereby decreasing the total number of days that students actually go to a school building.
- LEAs decreasing the number of days will experience a decrease in permissive local expenditures due to the resulting decrease in utility costs, transportation, and other items that rely on a daily funding mechanism instead of an annual basis.
- The total decrease in permissive local expenditures cannot reasonably be quantified; however, it is estimated that permissive local expenditures will decrease in an amount exceeding \$1,000.
- There will be no fiscal impact on state and local BEP funding or teacher pay.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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